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London, December 27.

Yesterday arriv'd the Mail from Holland of Friday last.

Paris, December 29.

THE following Relation has been publish'd here by Authority.

A Relation of what pass'd at the taking of Brihuega; and in the Battle gain'd near Villaviciosa, by the King of Spain, the 10th of December 1710.

THE King of Spain having Intelligence at Guadalaxara the 7th at Night, that the Enemy had a considerable Body of Troops in Brihuega, his Majesty sent forward at Midnight the Grenadiers and Piquets of the Army, under the Command of the Marquis de Thouy, and two Brigades of Cavalry, with 6 Regiments of Dragoons, led by the Marquis de Valdecannas. His Catholick Majesty put himself on the March the 8th in the Morning with all the Horse, after having sent Order to the Marquis de la Vere who had stopp'd between Alcala and Guadalaxara, to advance with all Expedition. The Troops arriv'd the same Day (the 8th) in the Afternoon before Brihuega: Immediately the King caus'd the Place to be view'd and invested; and after the firing of some Cannon-Shot against the Walls, the Garrison were Summon'd to Surrender. Upon their Refusal, Men were employ'd all the Night in raising Batteries, but 'twas impossible to set the Miners to Work under the Wall. The Batteries began to fire the 9th in the Morning; in a little time they made a Breach, but to no purpose, there being a Terras of Earth within the Wall. The Duke of Vendome viewing the Approaches to the Place, observ'd on the Left of the Attack several Houses contiguous or adjoyning to the Wall on the Outside. He caus'd some Men to take Possession of them, with Design to set the Miners to Work under the Wall, and at the same time he caus'd Batteries to be placed to open the Wall on that side and to beat down an adjacent Gate. Dispositions were made for beginning the Attack, with the Detachment which the King of Spain had brought with him. It consisted of all the Grenadiers, of 100 Men chosen out of each of the 8 Battallions of Guards, and of 50 Men drawn out of each of 22 other Battallions. Then the Infantry who follow'd more slowly arriv'd, and at the same time the rest of the Cavalry. His Catholick Majesty form'd two Attacks; and having given Order for supporting that of the Left which was the true Attack, the Breach being imperfect at the Right; he was inform'd that Count Staremberg was advancing to succour Brihuega. Upon this News the King of Spain having taken the Advice of the Duke of Vendome, caus'd the Cavalry to march, which the Duke of Vendome led and posted them himself on the Hills to that side by which the Enemy were approaching, and then he return'd to his Catholick Majesty. The Infantry made an Assault on the Town; the Action was long and hard disputed, because the Enemy's Troops were not only inured to Service and numerous, but had likewise good Intrenchments in the Streets, notwithstanding which, their Resistance was vain against the Valour of the Spanish Troops animated by the Presence of their King. The springing of the Mine open'd a pretty large Breach, and besides, the Gate at the Left Attack was beaten down. The Place was enter'd, and the Enemy being forc'd, set fire to their first Intrenchment which was made of dry Wood, as also to the neighbouring Houses, which stopp'd the Troops; but the Fire being extinguish'd, the Enemy were push'd from one House to another, and at length driven to their last Intrenchment. While this was doing at the Attack on the Left, the Troops appointed to act at that on the Right executed the Order given them by the Duke of Vendome to attack the Breach and maintain themselves there, for making a Diversion of the Enemy's Forces; who seeing themselves reduc'd to Extremity, and being absolutely in want of *Provisions (by which Term the Relator leaves us to understand* Ammunition) they beat a Parley about 6 a Clock at Night.

Hostages being exchanged, the Capitulation was regulated with the Duke of Vendome, according to which the Garrison were made Prisoners of War. It was compos'd of 7 English Battallions, 1 Battallion of Portugueſe, and 8 Squadrons of English. It was agreed, that the Officers, Troops, Dragoons, and Soldiers, should keep their Equipage and Baggage; they being oblig'd at the same time to deliver up all their Arms, to march out at 10 a Clock the next Morning, and in the mean while to deliver up the Gate next the Castle; favourable Conditions were granted besides to the Prisoners, and especially to the Sick and Wounded. The chief of the Prisoners are the Lieutenants-General Stanhope, Carpenter and Wills, two Major-Generals, and two Brigadiers. The Attack was not over when the King of Spain had fresh News that Count Staremberg continued to advance with all Diligence. Upon this News, his Catholick Majesty march'd the 10th in the Morning with his Infantry to the Hills where the Duke of Vendome had posted the Cavalry the Evening before. He drew up the Army in Battalia; and after some Volleys of Cannon, the two Lines of the Spanish Army mov'd to attack the Enemy. The King of Spain plac'd himself at the Head of the Right Wing, and the Marquis de Valdecannas Captain-General, had the Honour to act under his Orders. The Duke of Vendome's Post was on the Left, and he had under him the Count d' Aguilar Captain-General. The Count de las Torres Captain-General was in the Centre. The Marquis de Thouy Captain-General likewise, though wounded the Evening before the Battle, distinguish'd himself in it all the while it lasted. It was past 3 a Clock in the Afternoon when the King of Spain gave Order to begin the Fight. The Way to the Enemy was over Stony Ground, in which were hollow Ways and some Walls of Stone pil'd up without Mortar. The Ground whereon the Enemy was posted was more commodious; notwithstanding which, the Cavalry of the Right, where the King of Spain had taken his Post, bore down their Left, and broke the Battallions that supported a Battery, of which the Spaniards made themselves Masters. The Enemy's Right, which the Duke of Vendome caus'd to be attack'd at the same time, made greater Resistance, the Charges on both sides were vigorous and frequent, and the Success very dubious. At length the Duke of Vendome fell upon them in Flank, and thence pass'd to the Rear of their Infantry, whither the King with the Spanish Horse of the Right had penetrated after having beaten the Left Wing which was opposite to him. Still the Enemy's Foot of the Right, though thus incompass'd, fought on couragiously; they even gain'd Ground, except in that Part where the Walloon Guards fac'd them; for that Regiment pierc'd through the two Lines and Reserve of the Enemy, and drove far out of the Field of Battle the Troops that were opposite to them. The Spanish Guards distinguish'd themselves likewise in this Action. In the End the Night favour'd the Retreat of that Part of the Enemy's Infantry, who till then had fought with very great Courage; but 'twas with great precipitation they retir'd, taking the Route of Siguenza. They abandon'd their wounded, and left with them on the Field of Battle twenty Cannon, two Mortars, their Waggons, all their Equipages and Artillery, the Baggage of their Army, and about 8000 Fusils. The Number of the killed on the Field of Battle, is much about 4000 Men, three fourths of which are of the Enemy's Troops. The Number of Prisoners taken by the King of Spain in this Battle, is 3000 Men; among them are the Lieutenant-Generals Belcastel, who commanded the Dutch Auxiliaries, M. de St. Amand, and many other Officers. Don Joseph Vallejo, who was posted to cut off the Communication between Arragon and the Enemy's Army, has on his part taken 2300 Prisoners, almost all Horse; So that reckoning the Battallions and Squadrons taken at Brihuega, and the Prisoners taken in the Battle, the Number of those the King of Spain has actually in his Power, is 9000 Men. We know not rightly yet the Number of Colours Standards and Kettle-Drums taken from the Enemy in this Battle; tho' many were already collected, those brought in every moment rendring the Number uncertain. According to the Advices the King of Spain received after the Battle, Count Staremberg had but 3000 Foot and 8 Troops of Horse left with him. His Retreat appeared so difficult with such a small Number of Troops, beaten, and destitute of Subsistance, and in the midst of a People incensed by the Violences and Sacrileges they have committed; that Count Mahoni Lieutenant-General having summon'd them to surrender, the greatest Part of the Officers of that Remainder of the Army agreed to the Proposition; but Count Staremberg had not yet accepted it. The principal Officers whom the King of Spain has lost, are Major-General Don Pedro Ronquillo killed in the Battle; and the Count de Rupelmonde Brigadier of Foot, who died of the Wounds he received in the

the Attack of Brihuega. The Particulars of these two important Actions, were brought to the King by Lieutenant-General Don Pedro de Zunniga, dispatch'd to his Majesty by the King of Spain, and that Prince gives him the glorious Commendation of having equally distinguish'd himself in both Actions.

Hague, Jan. 2. Major-General Wade is arriv'd here in 19 Days from Barcelona. He came from thence the 24th of December. He came from Castile with King Charles. That Prince stop'd at Monserrat within Six Leagues of Madrid, to perform his Devotions there: But was to come into Barcelona by the 15th of December. Mr. Wade reports, that there were in Arragon 4 or 5000 Men under the Command of General Wetzel: We hope that Body of Men may have march'd to Barcelona, in which there was no Garrison when that Gentleman came from thence, at which time there was no Advice there of the Misfortune of the Army of the Allies. At the same time we are not without Apprehension, that the Duke de Noailles may have Intelligence from the Duke of Vendome of what has happen'd, and that he may march with his Cavalry to invest Barcelona, and prevent General Wetzel from entring it. An Express from the States Ambassador at Constantinople, has brought Advice that the Turks declar'd War against the Muscovites the 19th of November.

From the Paris Letter, dated Dec. 29.

Paris, Dec. 29. By a Courier from the Marshal de Noailles who arriv'd at Court the 25th Instant, we have an Account, that he had begun the Siege of Girone with Part of his Army; and that with the rest of his Foot and almost all the Horse he was marching towards Barcelona and towards the Passages of the Segra.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Dec. 27.

Leghorne, Dec. 3. We are informed by two English Men of War that arrived here some Days ago from Port-Mahon, that only one Ship of War of their Nation was left there, the rest being sailed with Admiral Norris towards the Streights. So that 'twill be difficult to transport to Catalonia the Troops design'd for that Country. Captain Augier commanding the King's Ship la Fortune, has brought in hither a Catalonian Vessel of 24 Guns which had taken on board at Cagliari in Sardinia a Collonel four Captains and two hundred and ninety Soldiers to transport them to Final.

Portsmouth, Dec. 24. On Friday last her Majesty's Ship Blenheim arriv'd at Spithead from the Downes, and the next Morning Sir John Jennings hoisted his Flag on Board her. There are at Spithead her Majesty's Ships Blenheim, Cornwall, Pembrook, Plymouth, Superbe, Speedwell, Swallow's-Prize and Colchester.

In Yesterday's Courant, the 30th *Line from the bottom of the* 2d *Column, for* the 17th; and, *read* the 17th, &c.

By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Thursday, the 28th of December, will be presented a Play, call'd, The Unhappy Favourite; or, The Earl of Essex. The part of Essex by Mr. Wilks, Southampton Mr. Mills, Burleigh Mr. Keene, Queen Elizabeth Mrs. Knight, Rutland Mrs. Rogers, Nottingham Mrs. Porter. And on Saturday next will be presented a new Comedy, (never Acted before) call'd, Mar-plot. Being the second Part of the Rules-Body.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this present Wednesday, being the 27th of December, will be presented an Opera, call'd, Hydaspes. The part of Berenice to be perform'd by Signiora Elizabetta Pilotta Schiavonetti, in the Service of her Highness the Princess Sophia of Hanover, and the part of Artaxerxes by Signior Giosefo Boschi.

These Plays are Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and E. Lintott next Nando's Coffee-house, Temple-Bar.

Lost on Sunday the 10th Instant between 5 and 8 in the Evening, a Silver Watch with a Tortois-shell Case inlaid with Silver, the Maker's Name Hewit on the Dial-Plate (between Fetter-Lane and Searle's Coffee-house Lincoln's-Inn, or between that and King's-Head Tavern in Fleet-street.) Whoever brings it to Samuel Ballard at the Blue-Ball in Little-Britain, Bookseller, shall have 20s. Reward, and no Questions ask'd, or if Pawn'd or Sold, their Money again with Content.

About 3 Weeks ago taken out of a Scrutore in Greenwich, a Surgeon's Plate Box with a compleat Set of Instruments in it. Whoever brings the same to Mr. John Martin, Instrument-maker, in East-Smithfield, shall have a Guinea Reward, and no Questions ask'd.

Whereas the St. Joseph (a Prize taken by the Selby-Galley) and her Lading of Sugar, Indigo, and Anotto, was to be Sold by Inch of Candle at Lloyd's Coffee-house in Lombard-street on the 1st Day of January next; this is to give Notice the said Sale is adjourn'd to the 12th Day of January next at the said Coffee-house.

For SALE by the CANDLE.

To Morrow the 28th Instant, at Lloyd's Coffee-House in Lombard-street, at 5 in the Afternoon, (only one Cask in a Lott) 55 Butts of new excellent Bene-Carlos Wine, very deep bright and strong; and 55 Butts of new Salo Wine, neat and entire, imported from Barcelona, and landed the 23d Instant, now in a Warehouse N° 132. in the Gateway of Custom-house-Key, between the Custom-house and Tower-Dock. To be seen and Tasted this Day from 8 to 1, and from 2 to 5, and all Day to Morrow till the time of Sale. To be Sold by Tho. Tomkins, Broker, in Seething-lane between Tower-street and Crouched-Fryars.

For SALE by the CANDLE.

On Friday the 29th Instant, at Lloyd's Coffee-House in Lombard-street, at 4 in the Afternoon, (only one Cask in a Lott,) 58 Hhds and 16 Tierces of new excellent French Prize Claret of Obrion and other very good growths, of the very last Vintage, neat, an entire Cargo taken by a Guernzey Privateer, and landed the 22d Instant; now in a Vault in Water-lane near that end next Tower-street and near the Custom-house. To be Tasted this Day, to Morrow, and Friday, all Day, till the time of Sale. Catalogues to be had where the Wines lye, at the Place of Sale, at Old and Young-Man's Coffee-houses at Chairing Cross, &c. To be Sold by Tho. Tomkins, Broker, in Seething-lane, between Tower street and Crouched-Fryars.

For SALE by the CANDLE.

On Wednesday the 10th of January next, at Lloyd's Coffee-house in Lombard-street, at 4 in the Afternoon, about 36 Tons of new excellent French (Prize) Claret, fresh, deep bright, and of a most curious flavour, of the best Growths, and of the very last Vintage; 5 Puncheons of French (Prize) Brandy, 4 Tuns of new French (Prize) White Wine, extraordinary good; 28 Barrels of new Superfine Pruants, and 22 Chests of very good Soap. The intire Cargoes of 2 French Prizes brought into Dartmouth by Capt. Daniel Naltell of Guernzey. Now in the Custody of Mr. Tho. Plumley, Merchant, in Dartmouth aforesaid, and there shall be exp o'd to View and Taste the afore-mention'd Wines, Brandy, Pruants and Soap, till the time of Sale. Catalogues shall be timely dispers'd. To be Sold by Tho. Tomkins, Broker, in Seething-lane between Tower street and Crouched-Fryars.

For Sale by Retaile.

A great Quantity of excellent and fine Red and White Portugal Wine, fit to Bottle, lying in 3 large Vaults in Suffolk-Lane in Cannon-street, under the late Dwelling-house of Mr. Nathaniel Wood. The said Wines are to be Sold at 14 l. per Hogshead, and by Retaile at 5 s. per Gallon: No less Quantity to be Sold than one Gallon. The said Sale is now begun, and will continue till all is Sold.

A Catalogue of the Libraries of the Learned Sir Tho. Brown, and Dr. Edw. Brown, his Son, late President of the College of Physicians; consisting of many very valuable and uncommon Books, in most Faculties and Languages; chiefly in Physick, Chirurgery, Chymistry, Divinity, Philology, History, and other Polite Parts of Learning: Most of the Classics Not Varior. Old Elzevir's, and other choice Editions, well bound, and very Fair: Also Books of Sculpture and Painting, with choice Manuscripts. Which will begin to be Sold by Auction, at the Black-Boy Coffee-house in Ave-Mary-lane, near Ludgate, on Monday the 8th of January, beginning every Evening at 4 of the Clock, till the Sale is finish'd. By Tho. Ballard, Bookseller, at the Rising-Sun in Little-Britain, where Catalogues may be had; as also of Mr. King in Westminster-hall, Mr. Stokoe against the Mews-Gate, Mr. Vaillant against Bedford-Buildings in the Strand, Mr. Brown without Temple-Bar, Mr. Clements in St. Paul's Church-yard, Mr. Strahan in Cornhill, Booksellers, at both Universities, and the Place of Sale. Pr. 6 d.

Extraordinary Cask-Florence, as good as any Im-ported into England this Year, that hath never been in the Hand of either Vintners or Coopers, but Sold by the Merchant, and ready drawn into Bottles at 20 s. per Dozen, Bottles and all, or at 6 s. per Gallon to those that bring Bottles or other Vessels of their own. Enquire for Mr. Arutin George Armenian, Merchant, at Mr. King's, between the Pump and Merchant-Taylor's-Hall Threadneedle-street, where Attendance shall be given all Day long. At the same Place is also to be had excellent Chianty Wine at 3 l. 10 s. per Chest, and old Mountain Malaga and other Sorts of Wine at Reasonable Rates.

At a certain Charge, to Day being Wednesday the 27th of this Instant December, at the Office of Insurance on Marriage and Births in the Little-Piazza Covent-Garden, will be open'd 2 Books on Marriage by way of a Weekly Payment and Dividend, one on the Payment of 10 s. per Week to receive the Dividend of 1000 l. one on the Payment of 3 s. per Week may receive the Dividend of 300 l. Any Person may Insure in both, and the 1st 200 will be admitted to make their Claims in 2 Months.

At the Union Society at the Black Lyon against Shore's Gardens in Drury-lane, a Linnen-Draper's, on Thursday the 27th Instant, was open'd 3 Offices of Insurance on the Births of Children by way of Dividend. The first on paying 5 s. for a Policy and Stamps, and 10 s. per Week, the Subscriber will be Intituled to the Dividend Weekly of 100 l. or in proportion to the Number of the Subscribers. The second of the like Nature, paying 2 s. for Policy, and 5 s. per Week, the Subscriber will have 300 l. The third is 2 s. 6 d. for a Policy, and 2 s. 6 d. per Week, the Subscriber will have a Dividend of 250 l. Note, No Weekly Payments are to be made till Thursday the 23d of February next. At the same Place there is 2 Offices for Marriage, and 2 upon the Expiration of Clerkships and Apprenticeships Proposals at large for all at the Office gratis.

☞ **At the several Offices for Insurances on Marri-**ages here under-named, Offices are now also open'd for paying 250 l. in the first, and 100 l. in the second Society on the Baptizing Children, or as to such of her Majesty's Protestant Subjects who do not Baptize their Children, on Proof to be made that the Child was Alive 3 Days after the Birth thereof. The Conditions for the 250 l. are, That each Subscriber pay 2 s. 6 d. for each Policy, and 2 s. 6 d. to each Claim. For the 100 l. every Subscriber to pay 2 s. for a Policy, and 1 s. to every Claim. The Number of Subscribers to be 2100 in each Office. Proposals at large may be had at Mr. Clements's at the Wheat-Sheaf in Russell-street, Covent-Garden; Mr. Simson's at the Golden-Lyon in Drury-lane, against Short's Gardens; Mr. Brook's, Stationer, at the Ship near the May-Pole in the Strand; Mrs. Morse at St. Paul's Coffee-house in St. Paul's Church-yard by Doctor's-Commons; Mr. Baker at Bourn's Coffee-house in Finch-lane, Cornhill; Mr. Edwards's in King's-Head-Court in Pettycoat-lane near Bishopsgate-street; Mr. Blackmore's at the Black-Swan in Shoreditch near Holywell lane; and at Mr. Hiller's, Upholsterer, against St. Olaff's Church, Southwark.

Just publish'd,

A true Copy of the humble Address of the two Houses of Convocation, as proposed by the Lord Archbishop and Suffragan Bishops to the inferiour Clergy of the Province of Canterbury, in order to be presented to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty; Entituled, The humble Address of the Archbishop and Bishops [and the rest of the Clergy] of the Province of Canterbury in Convocation assembled. Printed for J. Churchill, at the Black-Swan in Pater-Noster-Row. Price 1 d.

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